(c) All States except Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Haryana, Manipur and Bihar utilized more than 70% of SSA funds available in 2004-05.

The performance of States, especially those where the pace of expenditure is slow, are monitored on regular basis by Government of India and relevant issues are taken up with the State Governments concerned.

Status of children

2715. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grim scenario regarding status of children in the country mentioned in the United Nations report on the "States of World Children 2005";

(b) the basic amenities/rights which a child in a civil society is entitled to (namely, access to proper shelter, clean drinking water, food, toilet immunization, nutrition, education) and the status regarding these parameters in India; and

(c) the steps Government intend to take to improve the lot of children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The UNICEF Report titled "State of World's Children 2005" has reported the status of children in the world including India.

(b) A list of child indicators is given in the Annexure.

(c) Various schemes and programmes are being implemented by Government to address different issues relating to children, such as, health, education, nutrition, immunization, early childhood development, protection from exploitation, etc. these include Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Integrated Child Development Services, Kishori Shakti Yojana, National Immunization Programme, Integrated Programme for Street Children, Integrated Programme for Juvenile Justice, Rural Sanitation Programme, Swajaldhara, etc.

Statement

List of child indicators

Sl. No.	Item	Position in 1990	Present Position	Remarks
1.	Infant Mortality Rate	84	68	SRS and NFHS II
2.	Under 5 Mortality Rate	109	94.9	NFHS I and NFHS II
3.	Underweight Prevalence	53.4%	47%	-do-
4.	Stunting Prevalence	52%	45.5%	-do-
5.	Wasting Prevalence	17.5%	15.5%	-do-
6.	Use of safe drinking water	68.2%	77.9%	-do-
7.	Use of sanitary means of excreta disposal	30%	36%	-do-
8.	School attendance (6-14 years—female)	59%	74%	-do-
9.	School attendance (6-14 years—male)	75.5%	84%	-do-
10.	Literacy Rate	48.3%	65.38%	Census 1991 and 2001
11.	Polio cases	3265 in 1995	186 in 2000	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Establishment of Kendriya Vidyalayas

2716. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to set up more Central Schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposals from the State Governments to open Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 50 new Kendriya Vidyalayas are proposed to be opened